

APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes:	Regular Meeting of Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting:	December 13, 2004
Time of Meeting:	7:00 P.M.
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Bill Reisinger, Rene Briones, Fred Zeise
Staff: Janice Nadal, Joe Oliva

Absent: Nawal Stanojevic, Miljon Buqing, Kayci Nguyen

Quorum was established.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Janice Nadal distributed a flyer on a Training Workshop hosted by the Parks and Recreation Commissioners/Board members and professional staff. The workshop will include the following topics: Role of Commissioners and Board Members; Advocacy; The Brown Act; and Parliamentary procedure. The date of the workshop is February 26 at the Milpitas Community Center. The cost of registration is \$25.00 per person by February 20 or \$35.00 on site.

Chair Reisinger requested Ms. Nadal to review the budget to see if registration is available for a maximum of four (4) commissioners and to place this topic on the next agenda. Commission member Briones is unable to attend. Ms. Nadal will forward the flyer to the absent commissioners.

Ms. Nadal stated with the new election, the Mayor would be appointing City Council Members to the various City Commissions. The next BTAC meeting will have a Council liaison present.

Jaime Rodriguez has been hired for the Principal Transportation Planner position in Traffic Engineering. This position replaces Arlene Deleon's Traffic Engineer position in the Engineering Department. Jaime Rodriguez comes from the City of San Jose. His phone number is (408) 586-3335 and email jrodriguez@ci.milpitas.ca.gov. Commissioner Zeise and Chair Reisinger request Mr. Rodriguez's presence at the next BTAC meeting to discuss traffic engineering.

Commissioner Zeise would like to know the criteria for putting in a stop sign and converting the sign to a light? Ms. Nadal told him a certain number of warrants posted with police, etc.

Chair Reisinger asked if there would be a conflict with the next meeting as it is on February 14, 2005 (Valentine's Day). Commissioner Briones said, maybe with a new Council Liaison, this meeting would be moved to another night.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE

MOTION to approve the December 13, 2004 agenda

AGENDA

M/S: Briones/Zeise All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION to approve the minutes of October 11, 2004, with changes

M/S: Zeise/Briones All Ayes

VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Rob Means, 1421 Yellowstone

Rob Means discussed peak production of oil happening this decade. Mr. Means says there are four different analyses that point to 2006-2008 time frame when oil production will peak and start declining. The world demand for oil does not look like it is going to peak and start declining. Mr. Means stats that gasoline will continually be more expensive. There will be a fundamental change in dynamics as this country is heavily dependent on fossil fuels to keep running. Mr. Means states this is something the Commission should keep in mind because the Commission's role in the City will be more important over the next few years.

Commissioner Zeise commented to Mr. Means to look at the Rocky Mountain Institute Studies. There are very interesting techniques to deal with the crisis to provide assisted transportation with very high mileage, such as the hyper car. The website is www.rmi.org.

VII. TOPICS

Report on Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Personal Rapid Transit

Rob Means presented a Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) "ferry" over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks linking Yosemite Drive to Curtis Avenue. Rob Means says the Sunnyhills Neighborhood is driving this project to have a feeder system from the north end to the south end of Milpitas where the transit connection at the LRT station. PRT is targeting a minimal system of two stations and a loop between the two of them as a starting point.

Mr. Means is requesting an endorsement from BTAC and to the City Council to pledge \$100.00 towards the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project.

Chair Reisinger does not want to forward this to the City Council because this project has not been demonstrated not to work.

Commissioner Zeise feels that more research needs to be done by the commissioners before the decision is made.

Commissioner Briones would like to see a more accessible system that has been tested and is working.

Commissioner Zeise moves that this item be placed on the February Agenda as discussion, given more time to research the pros and cons of PRT.

Ms. Nadal will forward the handouts to the absent Commission members.

Union Pacific (UP) Pedestrian Overcrossing Update

Ms. Nadal report there is no update. City staff is still coordinating with the VTA on this project.

Report on Safety

There were no agendized items for this topic. The Commission took this opportunity to ask staff questions on current safety-related topics in the City.

REPORT ON PUBLIC AWARENESS

Bike Map on the City's Website Update

Information Services is still working on the project. Commissioner Zeise requested the map be printable from the City's website in adobe acrobat format.

Chair Reisinger requests the presence of Alan Rich, City of Milpitas Information Services department, at the next meeting

Future Bicycle Education Outreach Projects

Chair Reisinger stated at the next meeting, the commission will discuss future events such as Bike to Work Day, the Fourth of July, Milpitas Art and Wine Festival, and Walk to School Day.

Chair Reisinger asked Commissioner Briones if the Boy Scouts would be willing to participate with BTAC for the Fourth of July Parade.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

BTAC By-Laws Review

Chair Reisinger stated, according to the BTAC By-Laws, Section 5, the chair and vice-chair will be selected at the first meeting of the calendar year. Commissioner Zeise said he would like to be vice-chair.

Ms. Nadal will send an email out to the members soliciting candidates.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

M/S: Briones/Zeise All Ayes

ASSIGNMENT SHEET

Chair Reisinger

No Assignments

Commissioner Briones

Request Boy scouts attendance at the Fourth of July parade

Janice Nadal

- Get budget information and approval for Training Workshop for four commission members (\$100.00)
- Forward information via email of the new Council Liaison
- Request a call for candidates from current BTAC members for Chair and Vice-Chair. Elections will be held at the February 14, 2004 meeting